

Judge Yarbrough Phone Conferences for Informal Resolution of Discovery Matters

Judge Yarbrough will accept requests for telephonic, informal resolution of disputes over discovery matters, including resolution of problems occurring during a deposition, provided that the following requirements are met:

1. To request a conference, the parties should call chambers or email yarbroughproposedtext@nmd.uscourts.gov.
2. The party requesting the conference should state whether all parties involved in the dispute agree to an informal resolution of the issue. Judge Yarbrough will provide his opinion or inclination at the telephonic conference. The parties may follow-up with formal motions practice after the conference.
3. The matters should be of a narrow or discrete nature. Judge Yarbrough may inform the parties that a particular issue is not suited to informal resolution, in which case the parties may file a motion.
4. The request for a telephonic discovery conference should summarize the dispute or discrete issue in a few sentences.